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1. Great shortages of material prevail at the present time in the Buckau-Wolff works at Magdeburg. The material on hand has been used up by extensive overtime and special shift work in order to make up deficits in production quotas. There will be no more production until the end of November 1953.
2. The Soviet ships' engines which came in for repair in September 1953 have been finished and shipped out. Pressure hulls for Soviet submarines are being manufactured at the present time to Soviet specifications. It is not now known how many will be built.
3. Only one 300 hp. Diesel engine was completed in October 1953. Material shortages prevented the building of the other three provided for. The engine housings are ready, but completion is not expected before mid-December. Production of parts for the Dieselmotorenwerk Rostock continues.
4. A 1500 hp. ship's engine is to be built in November for the Soviet Navy. The yard has been promised large deliveries of materials. As soon as these promises are fulfilled production will start in a shop which until now has been used for storage of finished machinery and parts. There is still a second crane to be erected. The material will be delivered from Poland, it is said.
5. For about a month past the works has had more funds available. The Soviet Kreditbank has advanced altogether 1,200,000 rubles up to the present. The construction of new sanitary facilities and a new coal bunker are under consideration.

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